including North Eastern States during the Tenth Plan. The components of CDP envisage development and expansion of host plants, development of farm infrastructure, upgradation of reeling and processing technologies in silk, enterprise development programme etc. Based on the proposals received from the North Eastern States, during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, CSB has released a sum of Rs. 293.51 lakhs, Rs. 659.20 lakhs and Rs. 1248.43 lakhs respectively towards implementation of various schemes/ components under Catalytic Development Programme. For the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 1753.00 lakh has been earmarked exclusively for the North Eastern States towards implementation of the Catalytic Development Programme.

Apart from this, some State Specific projects under implementation for the development of sericulture industry in NER are as follows:

1. Manipur Sericulture Project;
2. Development of Mulberry Sericulture in Mizoram;
3. Project for the development of Oak Tasar in Manipur; and
4. Perspective Plan for the development of Vanya Silks in Arunachal Pradesh.

Closure of jute mills

330. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down jute mills;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether with the closure of jute mills, thousands of workers will be rendered jobless;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken for the safety of their jobs?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Subsidy to the textile sector

331. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide a one-time capital subsidy of 10 per cent to the processing units in the textile sector under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether handloom sector would also be covered under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, if not,whether a similar scheme would be considered for the handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Government has already provided an additional incentive of 10% capital subsidy over and above the 5% interest subsidy under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for the specified textile processing machinery.

(b) Details in this regard are furnished in the enclosed Statements I and II *(See* below*)*.

(c) and (d) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme is not sector specific. Therefore, all sectors of the textile industry, including the handloom sector, are eligible for each and every benefits being provided under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme.

Statement-I

Details of 10% capital subsidy scheme for processing sector

Duration of the Scheme

1. The additional 10% capital subsidy will be admissible on the investment made in the specified processing machinery during a period of one year from 20th April, 2005 to 19th April, 2006.

2. The cut off date will be the date of disbursement of loan. Any disbursement made by the lending agencies for the specified machinery on or after 20th April, 2005 will be eligible for 10% capital subsidy.